

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



November 27, 2022

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

1st Sunday of Advent and Communion



Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

May the carillon bells call us to gather in the sanctuary, entering into a time of silent preparation to encounter the Living God.

Prelude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599

J.S. Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Marvel Family

Call to Worship —based on Psalm 25:1-10

Margie Porter

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

we trust in the Lord's goodness.

We rely on his mercy.

We find shelter in his steadfast love.

In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

we walk in the Lord's way.

We follow his example of love.

We keep our covenant promises.

In this Advent season of waiting,

Lord, forget our sins.

Remember your love.

Remember each one of us.

Remember your people everywhere.

In this Advent season of waiting,

Lord, we wait for your salvation.

We wait for your leading.

We wait for your coming.

♦ Hymn of Praise

People, Look East

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, always with us, always coming:

We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent.

We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;

we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;

we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.

Forgive us, God.

Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds,

the intelligent courage of the Magi,

and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph,

that we may journey with them to Bethlehem

and find the good news of a child born for us.

Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon —based on Isaiah 40:1-2

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God.
Your sins are pardoned. Our debts have been paid in full.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

♦ Gloria Patri

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Margie Porter

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Pew Bible: OT p. 594

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

John Brownlie

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 24: 36-44

Pew Bible: NT p. 26

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Janet Lowe

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn of Response

In the Bleak Midwinter

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♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Call for the Offering

- Offeratory
- ♦ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

- ♦ Hymn of Dedication

Prepare the Way

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- ♦ Benediction

- ♦ Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Musical score for the hymn "Lead Me Lord" in G major and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty." The score includes a fermata over the final chord.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645

J.S. Bach

(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated or to quietly make your way to Assembly Hall, allowing others to continue their worship.)

- ♦ All who are able, please stand

Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Matt Luca, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director